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\* Tentative Schedule prepared by JONWRM. Actual timing and number of remaining workshops and dates not yet determined or set by WAC. Draft Biological Assessment (BA) prepared by SCWA is expected to be available by Sept. or Oct. 2003, final BA by March 2004 and Biological Opinion, prepared by NMFS with input from other federal agencies, 135 days after that.

**Notes:**

- 1 Between Sonoma County Water Agency, current regular water contractors (Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sonoma, Rohnert Park, Cotati, North Marin WD, Valley of the Moon WD, and Forestville WD), and Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) and Town of Windsor.
- 2 Information on background, history, setting, need for new agreement, identify issues, and proposed Mission Statement will be presented. Focus will be to achieve consensus on Mission Statement and to flesh out issues.
- 3 John Nelson (JONWRM) and Tom Jacobson (with input from WAC) will design workshop and prepare notice. SCWA prints and distributes by mail to interested parties and post on website.
- 4 Workshop held, generally evening hours from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, led by Tom Jacobson with assistance from student aids and presentations by various experts as needed.
- 5 Workshop summary typed by Santa Rosa, edited by Consultants, distributed to parties, posted on web site and distributed to interested parties/persons who request a copy.
- 6 WAC receives draft of Mission Statement.
- 7 Discussion of Issues. Public comments on issues that are appropriate to deal with in new agreement. Public comment on draft Vision Statement.
- 8 WAC discusses issues that should be addressed in new agreement. MMWD and Windsor invited to participate in this debate/vote.
- 9 Issues needing further discussion will be presented and debated at this workshop.
- 10 WAC reviews public input to date, debates and prepares draft of key (framework) issues to be included in agreement negotiation. MMWD and Windsor invited to participate.
- 11 Framework Issues presented to public for review.
- 12 WAC reviews public comments and comments from Councils and Boards and revises Framework Issues.
- 13 Each party to the agreement will designate one person as their lead negotiator and representative. The representative shall coordinate timely input and review by the party's staff, attorneys and decision makers. JONWRM shall assist negotiators in coming to and drafting an agreement and prepare a recap of negotiation sessions. Ad hoc negotiation groups and/or subcommittees will be formed as necessary to flesh out agreement on different issues. MMWD and the Town of Windsor will be welcome to participate in the negotiation process for as long as the WAC permits. Detailed bimonthly status reports shall be made by negotiation team representatives to their respective decision makers. Negotiators shall solicit feedback which is the consensus of their decision making body in order to assure all policy issues appropriate for inclusion in the agreement are addressed.
- 14 WAC decides on procedure for making decisions on issues.
- 15 Roman numerals refer to the Framework Issues List (as revised by the WAC on June 3, 2001) topic areas.
- 16 Evaluation and resolution of economic and environmental pros and cons of adding MMWD and Town of Windsor to new agreement.
- 17 Refers to additional Framework Issues introduced by SCWA in Dec. 2001. These will be addressed parallel with the Parties Framework Issues.
- 18 SCWA will take the lead to prepare agreement language assisted by JONWRM as directed by the WAC. Negotiation Team representatives will involve the respective attorneys representing each party on a timely basis and as needed and appropriate in the drafting process.
- 19 Presentation of draft of new agreement and information available on potential Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance impacts on the agreement. A draft of the Biological Assessment (BA) is now expected to be available by late spring of 2003. This document is expected to layout potential alternatives and costs that SCWA may be facing in terms of capital and operating costs to comply with the ESA. Confirmation of the BA in the form of a Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is not expected until the end of calendar 2003. The law provides that NMFS is to respond within 135 days.
- 20 WAC debates/votes on probable fiscal impacts of compliance with ESA and develops consensus on additional issues to be addressed in agreement.
- 21 Presentation of proposed agreement for second review. Includes changes resulting from initial public review and final negotiation efforts of Parties.
- 22 WAC debates final changes to agreement draft including consideration of input from workshop. Parties vote on whether to recommend agreement to decision makers for approval.
- 23 If compliance with ESA involves funding of new capital improvements not identified in the Water Supply and Transmission System Project EIR, then an EIR addressing same may be required and the timeline will probably need to be extended. If such new projects are not identified or the WAC determines they should not be included in the new agreement at this time, an Environmental analysis commencing about 6 months before approval of the agreement by the first signatory will likely suffice.
- 24 Following their own policies, each proposed signatory will consider the new agreement for formal approval.